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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for his comments, which have helped Applicants in responding to the Final Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests that the Amendment After Final Office Action be admitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.116.

Applicants submit that this amendment presents claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Applicants submit that, thus, there is a good and sufficient reason why this amendment is necessary, why this amendment was not earlier presented, and why this amendment should be admitted now. Furthermore, applicants believe that consideration of this amendment could lead to favorable action that would remove one or more issues for appeal.

Claims 1-36 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 18, 23, 25, 28, and 29 have been amended. Claims 15-17 and 19-22 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been entered. A complete listing of the Claims is provided herein.

DRAWINGS OBJECTION

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Applicants have amended Claim 1 to address the Examiner's objection. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC 103

Claims 1-21 and 23-30 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,163,795 to Kikinis (hereinafter "Kikinis") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,122,400 to Reitmeier (hereinafter "Reitmeier"). Applicants respectfully submit that Kikinis and Reitmeier, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach, suggest, or render obvious the present invention as claimed.

Independent Claims 1 and 18 have been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 22 and the limitations of intervening Claims 19-21. Claims 15-17 and 19-22 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-14, 18, and 23-30 are now in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the Claims.

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ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 31-36.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicants consider the claimed invention to be distinguished from
the art of record. Accordingly, Applicants earnestly solicit the Examiner's withdrawal of the
rejections raised in the above referenced Office Action, such that a Notice of Allowance is
forwarded to Applicant, and the present application is therefore allowed to issue as a
United States Patent.

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